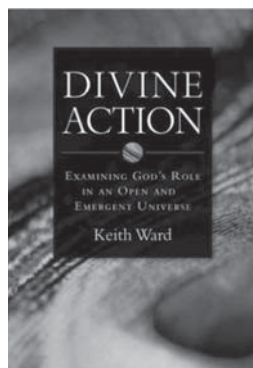


Reading Recommendations from Roy Branson's Sabbath School Class | BY DAVID R. LARSON AND RON GRAYBILL

In the Sabbath School classes that Roy Branson started in Takoma Park, Maryland and Loma Linda, California, it was a new year's tradition for class members to share reading recommendations. Despite his untimely death in July 2015, his class in Loma Linda continued the tradition this year with a record number of recommendations that reflect the diversity of the class participants who are faculty, students, and community members in the area of Loma Linda University.

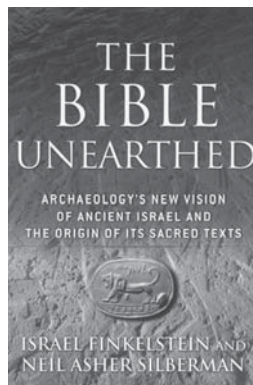
David Larson, Professor of Ethical Studies in the LLU School of Religion, now leads Roy's class, calling it the "Roy Branson Legacy Sabbath School Class. ■

Religion



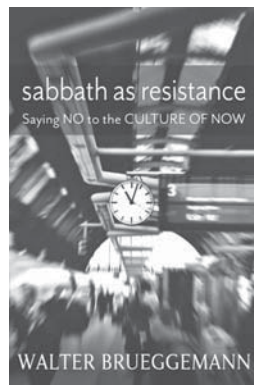
Divine Action: Examining God's Role in an Open and Emergent Universe, by Keith Ward. God acts in the world, co-operating with human responses and breaking through in "miraculous" acts to disclose his purposes. At the heart of this view is the notion of divine incarnation.

Walking with God through Pain and Suffering, by Timothy Keller. Makes a forceful and ground-breaking case that this essential part of the human experience can be overcome only by understanding our relationship with God.



The Bible Unearthed: Archaeology's New Vision of Ancient Israel and the

Origin of Its Sacred Texts, by Neil Asher Silberman and Israel Finkelstein. A fascinating and controversial perspective on when and why the Bible was written and why it possesses such great spiritual and emotional power today. The authors suggest most of the famous stories in the Bible reflect the world of the later authors rather than actual historical facts.

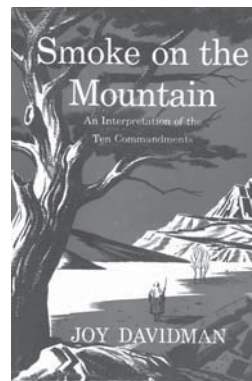


Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now, by Walter Brueggemann.

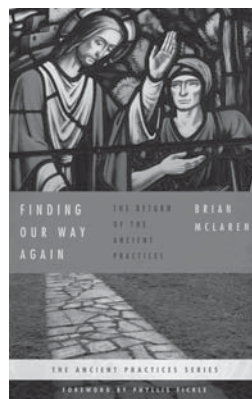
Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down: A Theology of Worship for This Urgent Time, by Marva Dawn.

A Royal Waste of Time: the Splendor of Worshiping God and Being Church for the World, by Marva Dawn.

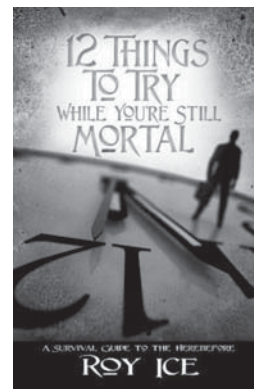
ESV Bibles by Crossway, ESV Global Study Bible with a set of new articles by global Christian leaders applying the Bible to global issues.



Smoke on the Mountain: An Interpretation of the Ten Commandments, by Joy Davidman, including a thoughtful introduction by C. S. Lewis, the author's husband.



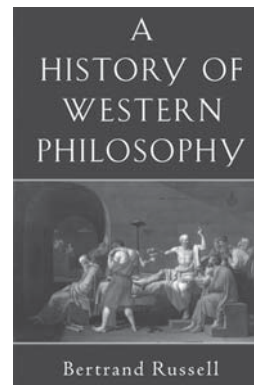
Finding Our Way Again: The Return of the Ancient Practices, by Brian D. McLaren and Phyllis Tickle.



12 Things to Try While You're Still Mortal, by Roy Ice.

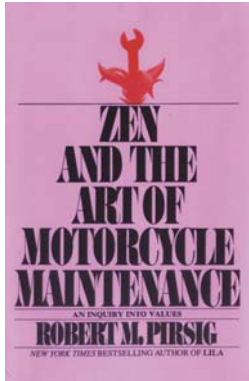
Philosophy

Moral Letters to Lucilius, Lucius Annaeus Seneca (author), Richard Mott Gummere (translator). A collection of 124 letters written by Seneca the Younger at the end of his life to Lucilius, then procurator of Sicily, on how to become a more devoted Stoic.



A History of Western Philosophy, by Bertrand Russell.

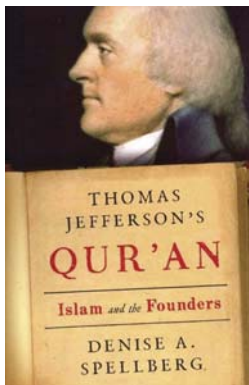
The Birth of Tragedy, by
Friedrik Nietzsche.



Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, by Robert M. Pirsig.

History

Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War That Changed American History, by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger



Thomas Jefferson's Qur'an: Islam and the Founders, by Denise Spellberg.

Mein Kampf, by Adolf Hitler (The Ford Translation).

The Guns of August, by Barbara W. Tuchman and Robert K. Massie.

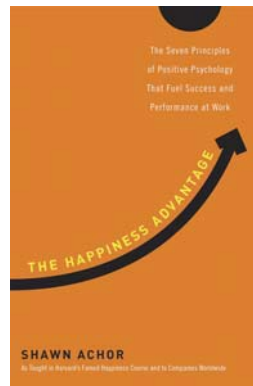
The House of Morgan: An American Banking Dynasty and the Rise of Modern Finance, by Ron Chernow.

Capitalism Hits the Fan: The Global Economic Meltdown and What to Do About It, by Richard D. Wolff.

The New Confessions of an Economic Hit Man, by John Perkins.

Psychology

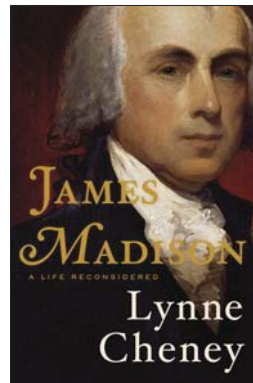
To Love and Be Loved, by Sam Keen.



The Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology That Fuel Success and Performance at Work, by Shawn Achor.

The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us, by Daniel H. Pink.

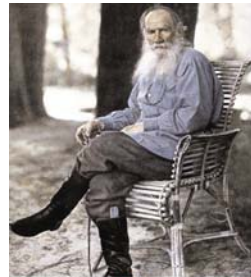
Memoir and Biography



James Madison: A Life Reconsidered, by Lynne Cheney.

Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul: Church, State, and the Birth of Liberty, by John M. Barry.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and the Religion of Biologic Living, by Brian C. Wilson.



A Confession and Other Religious Writings, by Leo Tolstoy.

Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood, by Oliver Sacks.

Conversion: The Spiritual Journey of a Twentieth Century Pilgrim, by Malcolm Muggeridge.

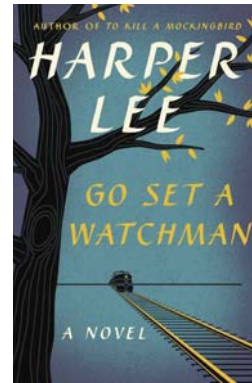
The Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan.



Crossing Over: Getting to the Best Life Yet, by Paul Scanlon. The journey the Abundant Life Church in Bradford undertook in order to enter into and possess the "land" that God had promised them.

Fiction

Gilead, by Marilynne Robinson.



Go Set a Watchman, by Harper Lee.

The Shack, by William Paul Young.

Nonfiction

Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race, by Debby Irving.

The Birds of Pandemonium, by Michele Raffin. Pandemonium, is a conservation organization dedicated to saving and breeding birds at the edge of extinction. The author lets us into her world—and theirs. Birds fall in love, mourn, rejoice, and sacrifice; they have a sense of humor, invent, plot, and cope.

A Tragic Tale of Megalomania and Modern Medicine, by Andrew Scull. The story of a leading American psychiatrist who came to believe that mental illnesses were the product of chronic infections. Henry Cotton launched a ruthless campaign to "eliminate the perils of pus infection." Teeth were pulled, tonsils excised, and stomachs, spleens, colons, and uteruses were

all sacrificed in the assault on "focal sepsis." Cotton's work was controversial, yet none of his colleagues questioned his experimental practices.

Understanding Insider Movements, by Harley Talmán. Tracing the story of large numbers of people from the world's major non-Christian religions who are following Jesus as Lord, but doing so from within the religious communities of their birth and outside of institutional Christianity. How does this work? This anthology brings together some of the best writings on the topic. From diverse voices who explore perspectives from Scripture, history, theology, missiology, and the experience and identity of insider believers.

Deep, Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle That Set Them Free, by Hector Tobar.



The Witches: Salem, 1692, by Stacy Schiff.

Other Powers: the Age of Suffrage, Spiritualism, and the Scandalous, by Victoria Woodhull.

The Wild Trees: A Story of Passion and Daring, by Richard Preston.